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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT MILGP COMMANDER

REFERENCE: GUATEMALA 6824

FOR ANDREWS FROM LAZAR

1. DOD HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED MILGP COMMANDER: QUOTE. COLONEL CHARLES D. CORBETT, OJCS (J-5), HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR NOMINATION AS COMMANDER USMILGP GUATEMALA. MILPERCEN LETTER FORMALLY NOMINATING HIM WAS DESPATCHED TO USARSO ON DECEMBER 17. USCINCSO HAS APPROVED NOMINATION OF COL CORBETT AND WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY OF THAT FACT AND THAT COL SHUFFSTALL IS NOT AVAILABLE. MILPERCEN WILL NOW PROCESS CORBETT NOMINATION FOR FORMAL JCS/OSD/STATE APPROVAL. UNQUOTE.

2; IN LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER, WE WERE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH COLONEL CORBETT'S CREDENTIALS AND REPUTATION. WHILE WE GATHER THAT USCINCSO WILL BE SUPPLYING YOU WITH FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SHUFFSTALL'S NON-AVAILABILITY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE ASSUMED HIS ARMA RESPONSIBILI-
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TIES IN MEXICO ONLY SIX MONTHS AGO. ACCORDINGLY, WE

SUGGEST THAT YOU EXPRESS REGRET TO RUBIO THAT WE WERE
UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE HIM IN THIS INSTANCE AND THAT YOU

STRESS CORBETT'S EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL RECORD AND OUR
BELIEF THAT HE SHOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING MILGP COMMANDER.
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